

MINUTES

State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Thursday, February 10, 2011

Time

1:30 p.m. State Board Regular Meeting

Location

**Rutledge Conference Center
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina**

Gerrita Postlewait, Chair

Dennis Thompson, Chair-elect

Mick Zais, PhD

State Superintendent of Education

Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

SBE Mission: The State Board of Education's mission is to provide a leadership role in helping South Carolina set policy and direction to transform teaching and learning so that students are prepared with the necessary knowledge and skills, including innovation, to compete globally and live a productive life.

I. WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The State Board of Education (SBE) convened at 1:30 p.m. Chair Postlewait called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Color Guard from Blythewood High School Army JROTC, Richland County School District Two, led by Senior Military Instructor Lt. Col. Dwayne Gatson, presented the colors.

The following State Board of Education (SBE) members were in attendance: Gerrita Postlewait, Chair, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Dennis Thompson, Jr., Chair-elect, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; David Longshore, PhD, First Judicial Circuit; Tim Moore, Esq., Second Judicial Circuit; Bonnie Disney, Third Judicial Circuit; David Blackmon, PhD, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Rose Sheheen, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Josie Gaston, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Dru James, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Marilyn (Lyn) Norton, EdD, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Barry Bolen, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Michael Blue, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Phillip Bowers, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; and John Rampey, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

Absent with apologies was Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Mick Zais, PhD, State Superintendent of Education; Scott English, Deputy Superintendent for Administration; Charmeka Bosket, Deputy Superintendent for Policy, Office of Policy and Legislation; Jay W. Ragley, Deputy Superintendent for Legislative and Public Affairs, Office of Policy and Legislation; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Wendy Cartledge, Deputy

General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Betsy Carpentier, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Support; John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations; Nancy Busbee, PhD, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Falcia Harvey, PhD, Education Associate, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; Steve Abbott, Interim Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability; and Cindy Clark, Recording Secretary.

II. RECOGNITION OF NEW STATE BOARD MEMBER/OATH OF OFFICE

Chair Postlewait and Dr. Zais welcomed new Board member, David Blackmon, PhD, Fourth Judicial Circuit, who replaces Hampton Hubbard. Chair Postlewait then administered the oath of office to Dr. Blackmon.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR JANUARY 14, 2011

Chair Postlewait asked for a motion to approve or amend the SBE minutes for January 14, 2011. Rose Sheheen moved to approve the minutes, and John Rampey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2011, AND REQUEST TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW ITEMS LISTED UNDER "STATE BOARD ITEMS" TO BE PRESENTED TO THE STATE BOARD WITHOUT FIRST BEING APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

Chair Postlewait asked for a motion to approve or amend the SBE agenda for February 10, 2011, and to approve the request to suspend the rules to allow items listed under "State Board Items" to be presented to the State Board without first being approved by committee. Marilyn (Lyn) Norton moved to approve the agenda as posted and to suspend the rules as stated. Josie Gaston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Postlewait welcomed all visitors. There was no news media present.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT AND RECOGNITIONS

State Superintendent of Education Zais reported that he has spent the last month focusing on getting to know and interact with the people who work for the SCDE. His other main focus has concerned the members of the General Assembly and appropriate committees who have pending legislation.

Chair Postlewait thanked Dr. Zais for the presentation he gave during the Working Session.

Kathy Gardner-Jones, Communications, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented recognitions to the outstanding administrators who were honored by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA), which is the professional organization for school leaders in the Palmetto State and has more than 2,800 members. SCASA supports efforts to provide the best possible education for South Carolina's young people. Each year the organization recognizes outstanding administrators. The SCASA 2011 secondary-school honorees are as follows:

- ❖ Dr. Gregory Owings
2011 High School Principal of the Year
Spring Valley High School, Richland Two
- ❖ Ingrid Dukes
2011 Middle School Principal of the Year
College Park Middle School, Berkeley County
- ❖ Dr. Robin Hardy
2011 Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year
Dent Middle School, Richland Two
- ❖ Thomas E. Rivers Jr.
2011 High School Assistant Principal of the Year
Gilbert High School, Lexington One

Also recognized by Mrs. Gardner-Jones was South Carolina's 2011 Milken Educator, Gresham Brown. Mr. Brown teaches fourth-grade language arts at Stone Academy in Greenville. The Milken National Educator Awards were created to reward, retain, and attract top professionals to the nation's schools. Dubbed the "Oscars of Teaching" by Teacher Magazine, the awards are the nation's largest teacher recognition program. Since the program's inception, more than 2,500 educators (55 this year) have been recognized. The Milken Educator Award comes with a \$25,000 prize. Educators are recommended for this honor without their knowledge by a blue-ribbon panel appointed by each state's department of education. Recipients are selected on the basis of numerous criteria and get to participate in the Milken Educator Forum held in Los Angeles this spring.

Mrs. Gardner-Jones recognized Dr. Ray Davis, the nation's 2010 Outstanding Guidance Professional. Dr. Davis is the education associate for career guidance in the South Carolina Department of Education's Office of Career and Technology Education. The Outstanding Guidance Professional honor is awarded by the guidance/career development division of the Association for Career and Technical Education. The award is presented to a career guidance professional for outstanding work in career guidance and counseling at any level from junior high school to postsecondary and adult and whose work at the local, state, and national level is deemed worthy of recognition.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for public comment.

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

PH PUBLIC HEARING

PH-01

Proposed Amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regulations 43-62 (Supp. 2009), Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification (Second Reading)—Jim Turner, Director, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

Jim Turner provided the Board with an overview of the Proposed Amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regulations 43-62 (Supp. 2009), Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification. After discussion, Chair Postlewait asked for the question. Phillip Bowers moved that the Board approve the item. Marilyn (Lyn) Norton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB STATE BOARD

FOR APPROVAL

SB-01

Amendments to Rules of Governance Rule BBC; Repeal of Rule BBCC; and Adoption of New Rule BBCE—Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel

Shelly Kelly provided the Board with an overview of the Amendments to Rules of Governance Rule BBC; Repeal of Rule BBCC; and Adoption of New Rule BBCE. Chair Postlewait asked for the question. Rose Sheheen moved that the Board approve the item. Tim Moore seconded the motion. After discussion, Chair Postlewait called for the vote. Rose Sheheen moved that the Board waive second reading. Dru James seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB-02

Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2011–12 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program—Falcia Harvey, PhD, Education Associate, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

Falcia Harvey provided the Board with an overview of the Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2011–12 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program. After discussion, Chair Postlewait asked for the

question. Tim Moore moved that the Board approve the item. Bonnie Disney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB-03

Sumter School District 17 and Sumter School District Two Waiver Request of State Board of Education Regulation 43-261, District and School Planning—Steve Abbott, Interim Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability

Steve Abbott provided the Board with an overview of the Sumter School District 17 and Sumter School District Two Waiver Request of State Board of Education Regulation 43-261, District and School Planning. After discussion, Chair Postlewait asked for the question. Bonnie Disney moved that the Board approve the item. Dennis Thompson, Jr., seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION

SB-04

Report for Proviso 1.14 (SCDE: Teachers/Temporary or Emergency Certificates)—Jim Turner, Director, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

Jim Turner provided the Board with information regarding the Report for Proviso 1.14 (SCDE: Teachers/Temporary or Emergency Certificates).

IX. LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REGARDING REGULATIONS, IF NECESSARY
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Jay W. Ragley, Deputy Superintendent, Legislative and Public Affairs

No report was given.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

State Board Retreat (Dates)—Gerrita Postlewait, Chair

Dr. Postlewait stated that the Board retreat is planned for Thursday, March 10, and Friday, March 11, 2011, at the Clarion Hotel-Downtown in Columbia.

Charmeka Bosket spoke concerning the assessment consortia choices and informed the Board that consortia representatives will present at the retreat.

Dr. Postlewait commented that Dr. Phinnize Fisher, Superintendent, the School District of Greenville County, is a candidate for National Superintendent of the Year.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 3:30 p.m.